PBF June 2025 Project Progress Report

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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Date of submission of report *

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Have all fund recipients for this project contributed to the report? *

(●) Yes

(○) No

Did PBF Secretariat or RCO focal point review the report? *

You should normally ensure that the PBF Secretariat or the PBF focal point have an opportunity to review.

(●) Yes

(○) No

(○) Not Applicable

» Project Information and Geographical Scope

Is this a cross-border project? *

(●) Yes   (○) No

Please select the geographical region in which the project is implemented

(○) Asia and the Pacific   (○) Central & Southern Africa   (○) East Africa

(○) Europe and Central Asia   (○) Global   (○) Latin America and the Caribean

(○) Middle East and North Africa   (○) West Africa

Country of project implementation *

Other, please specify *

Project Title *

Write the 8 digit MPTFO number and Project Title exactly as it appears in the Project Document *

EXAMPLE: 00118938: Community-based prevention of violence and social cohesion using innovation for young people in displaced and host communities

Please select the geographical region(s) in which the project is implemented *

If the project you are looking for does not appear in the following question, please make sure that you have selected the correct regions. A limited number of cross border projects span multiple geographic regions. For example, a cross border project between Niger and Chad spans both West Africa and Central & Southern Africa

- ☐ Asia and the Pacific
- ☐ Central & Southern Africa
- ☐ East Africa
- ☐ Europe and Central Asia
- ☐ Global
- ☐ Latin America and the Caribean
- ☐ Middle East and North Africa
- ☑ West Africa

Please select the title of the project for which you are submitting the report *

- ○ 00130614/5/6: AILP : Appui aux Initiatives Locales de promotion de la Paix
- ○ 00128878/9: Consolider la Cohésion Sociale transfrontalière entre la Côte d'Ivoire et la Guinée pour une meilleure compréhension et anticipation des risques et le renforcement de la confiance et de la collaboration entre les acteurs locaux
- ○ 00119702/3: Cross border engagement between Cote d'Ivoire and Liberia to reinforce social cohesion and border security – Phase II
- ○ 00120162/4/5: Promotion d'une transhumance pacifique dans la région du Liptako-Gourma
- ○ 00129587/8: Renforcer la gouvernance des zones frontalières pour consolider la cohésion sociale et prévenir les conflits
- ○ 00129699/700: Supporting Cross-Border Cooperation for Increased Community Resilience and Social Cohesion in The Gambia and Senegal
- ○ 00140260_1_2: Programme d'appui à la prévention des conflits et de l'extrémisme violent dans les zones frontalières du Bénin du Burkina Faso et du Togo Phase 2
- ○ 00119957_8: Femmes et gestion des conflits lies aux resources naturelles
- ○ 00133730_1: Projet transfrontalier d'appui au renforcement de la sécurité communautaire à la gestion et la prévention des conflits liés à la transhumance et la gestion des ressources naturelles
- ○ 00140187_8: Projet relatif à la promotion de la gouvernance transfrontalière inclusive et au renforcement de la résilience des populations en vue d'atténuer les risques sécuritaires dans les espaces frontalie
- ○ 00140412_3_4_5: Promoting CSO-led peacebuilding initiatives in the Lake Chad Basin sub-region
- ⦿ Other, Specify

Write the 8 digit MPTFO numbers and Project Title exactly as it appears in the Project Document *

EXAMPLE: 00129699/700: Supporting Cross-Border Cooperation for Increased Community Resilience and Social Cohesion in The Gambia and Senegal

00141025 & 00141026 : GOLA-REAP – Resilience, Empowerment, Access and Peacebuilding along Liberia and Sierra Leone border

Please select the countries where this project is being implemented *

- ☐ Benin
- ☐ Burkina Faso
- ☐ Cote D'Ivoire
- ☐ Gambia
- ☐ Ghana
- ☐ Guinea
- ☐ Guinea-Bissau
- ☑ Liberia
- ☐ Mali
- ☐ Mauritania
- ☐ Niger
- ☐ Nigeria
- ☐ Senegal
- ☑ Sierra Leone
- ☐ Togo
- ☐ Other, Specify

Other, Please specify *

Project Start Date (Date of first transfer) *

2025-01-29

Project End Date *

2027-07-21

Has this project received an extension? *

- ◯ YES, Cost Extension
- ◯ YES, No Cost Extension
- ◯ YES, Both Cost and No Cost Extensions
- ⦿ NO, No Extensions

Will this project be requesting an extension? *

- ( ) YES, Cost Extension
- ( ) YES, No Cost Extension
- ( ) YES, Both Cost and No Cost Extensions
- (●) NO, No Extensions

Will this project be submitting a Fund Transfer Request (FTR) in the next six months? *

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

If so, around which month do you expect to submit the request? *

- ( ) January
- ( ) February
- ( ) March
- ( ) April
- ( ) May
- ( ) June
- ( ) July
- ( ) August
- ( ) September
- ( ) October
- ( ) November
- ( ) December

Is the current project end date within 6 months? *

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

Is funding disbursed either into a national or regional trust fund? *

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

If yes, please select which *

- ( ) National Trust Fund
- ( ) Regional Trust Fund

Recipients

Is the convening agency a UN agency or a non UN entity? *

◉ UN entity

◯ Non-UN Entity

Please select the convening agency recipient *

◯ UNDP: United Nations Development Programme   ◉ IOM: International Organization for Migration

◯ UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund

◯ OHCHR: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

◯ UNWOMEN: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

◯ UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees   ◯ UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund

◯ FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization   ◯ WFP: World Food Programme

◯ UNHABITAT: United Nations Human Settlements Programme

◯ UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

◯ UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme   ◯ ILO: International Labour Organization

◯ WHO: World Health Organization   ◯ PAHO/WHO

◯ UNCDF: United Nations Capital Development Fund   ◯ UNODC: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

◯ UNOPS: United Nations Office for Project Services

◯ UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization   ◯ ITC: International Trade Centre

◯ UNDPO   ◯ Other, Specify

Other, Please specify *

Are there other recipients for this project? *

◯ No other recipients

◉ Yes, other UN recipients only

◯ Yes, other non-UN recipients only

◯ Yes, both UN and non-UN recipients

Please select other UN recipients *

Select all that apply

- [ ] UNDP: United Nations Development Programme   [ ] IOM: International Organization for Migration
- [ ] UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund
- [ ] OHCHR: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- [ ] UNWOMEN: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
- [ ] UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees   [ ] UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund
- [ ] FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization   [x] WFP: World Food Programme
- [ ] UNHABITAT: United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- [ ] UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- [ ] UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme   [ ] ILO: International Labour Organization
- [ ] WHO: World Health Organization   [ ] PAHO/WHO
- [ ] UNCDF: United Nations Capital Development Fund   [ ] UNODC: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- [ ] UNOPS: United Nations Office for Project Services
- [ ] UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization   [ ] ITC: International Trade Centre
- [ ] UN Department of Peace Operations   [ ] Other, Specify

Other, Please specify *

Please select other non-UN recipients *

- [ ] ACTED
- [ ] Action Aid UK
- [ ] AAITG (ActionAid the Gambia)
- [ ] AEDE
- [ ] African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)
- [ ] Agence de Coopération et de Recherche pour le Développement (ACORD)
- [ ] American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
- [ ] Avocats Sans Frontières
- [ ] Avocats Sans Frontières Belgium
- [ ] Avocats sans frontières Canada
- [ ] Ayuda en Accion
- [ ] BIRN - Balkan Investigative Reporting Network
- [ ] BIOM -Youth Ecological Movemen
- [ ] CARE International UK
- [ ] Centre d'étude et de coopération internationale (CECI) - BF
- [ ] Christian Aid Ireland
- [ ] COIPRODEN
- [ ] Concern Worldwide
- [ ] Conexion Guatemala
- [ ] COOPI - Cooperazione Internazionale
- [ ] CORD Burundi
- [ ] CORDAID
- [ ] Corporacion Sisma Mujer
- [ ] CRS - Catholic Relief Services
- [ ] DanChurchAid
- [ ] EQUITAS
- [ ] Fund for Congolese Women
- [ ] Fundacion Estudios Superior (FESU)
- [ ] Fundación Mi Sangre (FMS)
- [ ] Fundación Nacional para el Desarrollo de Honduras (FUNADEH)
- [ ] Fundación para la Libertad de Prensa (FLIP)
- [ ] Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF)
- [ ] HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation
- [ ] Humanity & Inclusion (HI)
- [ ] ICTJ (International Center for Transitional Justice)
- [ ] Instituto Holandes para Democracia Multipartidaria (NIMD)
- [ ] Integrity Watch
- [ ] International Alert
- [ ] International Rescue Committee
- [ ] Interpeace
- [ ] Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation
- [ ] Life and Peace Institute (LPI)
- [ ] MDG-EISA - Institut Electoral pour une Démocratie Durable en Afrique (EISA), bureau de Madagascar
- [ ] Mercy Corps
- [ ] MLAL - ProgettoMondo
- [ ] MSIS-TATAO
- [ ] NIMD (Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy)
- [ ] Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
- [ ] Nile Sustainable Development Organization - NSDO
- [ ] OIKOS
- [ ] ONG Adkoul - ONG Adkoul
- [ ] ONG AZHAR
- [ ] OXFAM
- [ ] Peace Direct
- [ ] Plan International
- [ ] PNG UN Country Fund
- [ ] Red de Instituciones por los Derechos de la Niñez
- [ ] ROI - Roza Otunbayeva Initiati
- [ ] Saferworld
- [ ] Sampan'Asa Momba ny Fampandrosoana (SAF/FJKM)
- [ ] Save the Children
- [ ] Search for Common Ground (SFCG)
- [ ] SIHA (Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa)
- [ ] SismaMujer
- [ ] SOS Sahel Sudan
- [ ] Stichting Impunity Watch
- [ ] Tearfund
- [ ] The Carter Center, Inc.
- [ ] Trocaire
- [ ] War Child
- [ ] War Childhood Museum (WCM)
- [ ] World Vision International
- [ ] World Vision Myanmar
- [ ] ZOA
- [ ] blank_placeholder
- [ ] Other, Please specify

Other, Please specify *

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Implementing Partners

To how many implementing partners has the project transferred money **since the project's start** ?

0

To how many implementing partners has the project transferred money **during this calendar period** ?
(for June reports: January-June;
for November reports: January-December (anticipated);
for final reports: full project duration)

0

Financial Reporting

» Delivery by Recipient

Please enter the total amounts in full US dollars allocated to each recipient organization
Please enter the original budget amount, amount transferred to date and estimated expenditure by recipient.
*Please make sure you enter the correct amount. All values should be entered in **US Dollars***

For cross-border projects, group the amounts by agency, even if different country offices are involved.
You will have the opportunity to share a more detailed budget in the next section.

Recipients	Total Project Budget (in full US $) Please enter the total budget as is in the project document in US Dollars	Transfers to date (in full US $) Please enter the total amount transferred to each recipient to date in US Dollars	Expenditure to date (in full US $) Please enter the approximate amount spent to date in US dollars	Implementation rate as a percentage of total budget (calculated automatically)
IOM: International Organization for Migration	2405602 *	1683922 *	160298.45 *	6.66%

	*	*	*	%
WFP: World Food Programme	* 1594398	* 1116078	* 143983.17	9.03%
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	*	*	*	%

TOTAL	4000000	2800000	304281.62	
				7.61 %

The approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget based on the values entered in the above matrix is **7.61%**. Can you confirm that this is correct?   *

◉ Correct   ○ Incorrect

If it is incorrect, please enter the approximate implementation rate as a %   *

» Gender-responsive Budgeting

Indicate what **percentage (%)** of the budget contributes to gender equality or women's empowerment (GEWE) as per the project document?   *

40

The dollar amount of the budget contributing to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) based on percentage entered above and total project budget is **US $ 1600000**. Can you confirm that this is correct?   *

◉ Correct   ○ Incorrect

If it is incorrect, please enter the *budget amount* allocated to GEWE in US Dollars   *

Amount expended to date on efforts contributiong to gender equality or women's empowerment is **US $ 121712.65**. Is this correct?   *

◉ Correct   ○ Incorrect

If it is incorrect, please enter the *expenditure to date* on GEWE in US dollars   *

ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE.   *
The templates for the budget are available here

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Project Markers

Please select the Gender Marker Associated with this project *

○ Score 1 for projects that contribute in some way to gender equality, but not significantly (less than 30% of the total budget for GEWE)

◉ Score 2 for projects that have gender equality as a significant objective and allocate between 30 and 79% of the total project budget to GEWE

○ Score 3 for projects that have gender equality as a principal objective and allocate at least 80% of the total project budget to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE)

Please select the Risk Marker Associated with this project *

○ Risk marker 0 = low risk to achieving outcomes

◉ Risk marker 1 = medium risk to achieving outcomes

○ Risk marker 2 = high risk to achieving outcomes

Please select the PBF Focus Area associated with this project *

○ (1.1) Security Sector Reform

○ (1.2) Rule of Law

○ (1.3) Demobilisation, Disarmament and Reintegration

○ (1.4) Political Dialogue

○ (2.1) National reconciliation

○ (2.2) Democratic Governance

◉ (2.3) Conflict prevention/management

○ (3.1) Employment

○ (3.2) Equitable access to social services

○ (4.1) Strengthening of essential national state capacity

○ (4.2) Extension of state authority/Local Administration

○ (4.3) Governance of peacebuilding resources (including PBF Secretariats)

Is the project part of one or more PBF priority windows? *
Select all that apply

☐ Gender promotion initiative

☐ Youth promotion initiative

☐ Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions

☑ Cross-border or regional project

☐ None

Steering Committee and Government engagement

Does the project have an active steering committee/ project board? *****

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

If yes, please indicate how many times the Project Steering Committee has met over the last 6 months?

Please limit your response to 3000 characters

Over the last six months, the GOLA-REAP project has held two meetings involving the Project Steering Committee (PSC). The first meeting took place on 27 February 2025 in Bo Waterside, Liberia, immediately following the official launch of the project. This ad hoc session marked the initial engagement of high-level government stakeholders, implementing partners, and civil society, setting the foundation for the project's governance structure. Discussions focused on outlining the role of the PSC, agreeing on interim coordination mechanisms, and ensuring broad stakeholder representation.

The first regular Joint Project Steering Committee (JPSC) meeting took place on 3 April 2025 in Bo, Sierra Leone. This meeting was also co-chaired by the Ministers of Internal Affairs and the UN Resident Coordinators and brought together more than 15 representatives from relevant government institutions across both countries.. The Secretary-General of the Mano River Union participated as well, reaffirming regional ownership and commitment.

Key outcomes of the meeting included:

• Validation of the PSC and Technical Committee Terms of Reference, confirming composition, roles, and frequency of meetings;

• Endorsement of the Joint Annual Work Plan for 2025, including timelines, reporting responsibilities, and activity alignment;

• Reflection on lessons learned from past PBF-funded projects to improve delivery and coordination;

• Reaffirmation of government commitment to sustained cross-border collaboration, environmental protection, and community empowerment in the Gola Forest landscape.

Both meetings showcased active engagement from government stakeholders at national and sub-national levels, reflecting strong ownership and alignment with national development priorities and regional frameworks. The PSC has agreed to meet at least twice annually, with the next session set for October 4, 2025, in Monrovia, Liberia.

Please provide a brief description of any engagement that the project has had with the government over the last 6 months. Please indicate what level of government the project has been engaging with. *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters

Over the past six months, the GOLA-REAP project has actively engaged government counterparts in Liberia and Sierra Leone at ministerial, technical, and local levels to promote alignment with national priorities, ensure coordinated implementation, and foster sustained ownership. At the ministerial level, the project was officially launched on 27 February 2025, with participation from senior officials from both countries. The Ministries of Internal Affairs serve as lead counterparts and co-chairs of the Steering Committee. Other engaged institutions include the Ministries of Agriculture, Youth, Planning and Economic Development, Environment, Immigration, and the Peacebuilding Offices. This engagement anchors the project within broader national frameworks, including Liberia's ARREST Agenda and Sierra Leone's Feed Salone strategy.

At the technical level, both Ministries of Internal Affairs appointed focal points to lead coordination. In Sierra Leone, the Senior Technical Advisor to the Minister has convened inter-ministerial meetings, guided stakeholder engagement, and supported field planning. In Liberia, the Deputy Minister for Research and Development Planning, alongside technical staff from the Forestry Development Authority (FDA), Liberia Immigration Service (LIS), and the Peacebuilding Office, contributed to planning, risk assessments, and coordination.

WFP has engaged the Ministry of Agriculture at national, county, and district levels to ensure robust coordination and alignment with national agriculture policies and strategies. In Sierra Leone, WFP signed an implementation agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security in Kenema and Pujehun to provide oversight to 20 farmer-based organizations, enhance irrigation, support cultivation, and strengthen social cohesion.

At the local level, IOM and WFP Liberia, in collaboration with the Peacebuilding Office, LIS, FDA, and civil society partners SCNL and TDS Liberia, conducted community inception meetings from 11 to 16 May 2025 in Tewor and Porkpa districts (Grand Cape Mount) and in Kongba district (Gbarpolu). These sessions engaged county superintendents, district officials, town chiefs, traditional leaders, and youth and women representatives to introduce the project, outline objectives, and gather feedback on local priorities and risks.

In Sierra Leone, the team held consultations with the Resident Minister (Southern Region), District Councils, Paramount Chiefs, Chiefdom authorities, and local stakeholders. These efforts enhanced awareness, fostered ownership, and laid the groundwork for participatory implementation.

WFP Liberia is also working with the Ministry of Internal Affairs to ensure the involvement of local stakeholders. Collaboration with local authorities is essential to secure buy-in and support across all levels, ensuring long-term impact and sustainability.

PART I: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT:

- Avoid acronyms and UN jargon, use general /common language.
- Report on what has been achieved in the reporting period, not what the project aims to do.
- Be as concrete as possible. Avoid theoretical, vague or conceptual discourse.
- Ensure the analysis and project progress assessment is gender and age sensitive.

Please rate the implementation status of the following preliminary/preparatory activities

Contracting of partners *

( ) Not Started   ( ) Initiated   (●) Partially Completed

( ) Completed   ( ) Not Applicable

Staff Recruitment *

( ) Not Started   ( ) Initiated   (●) Partially Completed

( ) Completed   ( ) Not Applicable

Collection of baselines *

( ) Not Started   (●) Initiated   ( ) Partially Completed

( ) Completed   ( ) Not Applicable

Identification of beneficiaries *

( ) Not Started   (●) Initiated   ( ) Partially Completed

( ) Completed   ( ) Not Applicable

Provide any additional descriptive information relating to the status of the project, including whether preliminary/preparatory activities have been completed (i.e. contracting of partners, staff recruitment, etc.) *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters

Since the official launch on 27 February 2025 at Bo Waterside, the project has made steady progress in establishing institutional and operational foundations for implementation.

Contracting of Partners: Project Implementation Agreements are well advanced. IOM Liberia and IOM Sierra Leone have initiated agreements with national civil society partners to support implementation. In Liberia, contracts with the Society for the Conservation of Nature of Liberia (SCNL) and Talking Drum Studio Liberia (TDS) are near finalization. In Sierra Leone, agreements with TDS-SL and the Conservation Society of Sierra Leone (CSSL) are also under legal and compliance review. Additionally, an MoU has been signed with the Ministry of Internal Affairs. WFP Sierra Leone has completed implementation agreements with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (Kenema and Pujehun districts) and is finalizing a similar agreement with the Ministry of Environment (Forestry Division). In Liberia, WFP is currently finalizing the Field Level Agreement (FLAs) with two Cooperating Partners who will support the implementation of the Project period in Gbarpolu and Grand Capemout Counties. Draft of both FLAs including the implementation plan, workplan and budget break down has been completed.

Staff Recruitment is also progressing. IOM Liberia has advertised a Field Assistant post for Grand Cape Mount and Gbarpolu and finalized the Terms of Reference for the Project Coordinator, now under IOM regional office review before publication. In IOM Sierra Leone, a Senior Project Assistant has been selected and onboarding is underway. Recruitment for a Project Support Officer (P1) is expected by end-May. WFP in both countries has fully onboarded its project staff.

Human Rights and Capacity Assessments: A Human-Rights-Sensitive Implementation Guide is presently being developed, subsequent to missions conducted in both countries in March to evaluate potential human rights risks associated with interaction with security or state actors.

Describe overall progress under each Outcome made during the reporting period (*for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-December (anticipated); for final reports: full project duration*). Do not list individual activities. If the project is starting to make/has made a difference at the outcome level, provide specific evidence for the progress (quantitative and qualitative) and explain how it impacts the broader political and peacebuilding context.

Is the project on track for the timely completion of outputs as indicated in the workplan? *

(●) Yes

( ) No

If no, please provide an explanation

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

If no, please provide an explanation

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

Project progress summary

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

The GOLA-REAP project transitioned from inception to early implementation between January and June 2025. Key milestones included the official launch at Bo Waterside and the first Joint Project Steering Committee meeting on 3 April, which brought together senior officials from both governments, MRU, UN partners, and CSOs. The meeting validated the Terms of Reference for governance structures, endorsed the 2025 Joint Work Plan, and reinforced inclusive, cross-border coordination mechanisms.

Community Stakeholder Inception Meetings: In Liberia, IOM and WFP, in collaboration with the Peacebuilding Office (PBO), Liberia Immigration Service (LIS), Forestry Development Authority (FDA), and civil society partners SCNL and TDS, held community inception meetings from 11 to 16 May 2025 in key project areas to introduce the GOLA-REAP project and engage local stakeholders.

The meetings took place in Bo Waterside (Tewor District) and Bamballa (Porkpa District) in Grand Cape Mount County, and in Kumgbo (Kongba District) in Gbarpolu County. A total of 82 participants—22 women and 60 men—attended, including county superintendents, district officials, town chiefs, traditional leaders, and youth and women representatives. The sessions focused on presenting the project's objectives, expected benefits, and gathering feedback on local priorities and risks. These meetings helped build community awareness and support for the project and promoted inclusive participation from the outset.

In Sierra Leone, similar inception meetings are planned from 10 to 13 June 2025 in Nomo Chiefdom (Kenema District) and Makpele Chiefdom (Pujehun District). These meetings will bring together district authorities, Paramount Chiefs, and community leaders, including youth and women representatives, to introduce the project and encourage community engagement. Led by the Ministry of Internal Affairs with support from IOM, WFP, and implementing partners, the meetings will present project goals, outline roles and responsibilities, and allow space for community input.

Human Rights and Capacity Assessments: From 24–28 March, IOM conducted Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) missions in both countries, in line with UN and IOM policies to assess potential human rights risks linked to engagement with security or state actors. These assessments are designed to ensure that IOM's operations uphold the highest human rights standards, prevent unintended harm, and guide responsible partnerships. The missions identified risks related to security interventions, ranger conduct, and the need for protection-sensitive programming. A Human-Rights-Sensitive Implementation Guide is currently under development.

In parallel, a comprehensive capacity assessment and community peace structure mapping are underway in Liberia, led by IOM and the Peacebuilding Office. The mission, taking place from 1 to 14 June 2025, includes tools to assess training gaps, inter-agency collaboration, and peace structure effectiveness. Results will inform tailored capacity-building programmes and community dialogue mechanisms.

Baseline and Monitoring: A research firm has been competitively selected by IOM Liberia to lead the baseline survey and is currently undergoing final background checks and compliance clearance. Data collection is expected to begin in early June 2025. The findings will inform final indicator targets, the development of monitoring tools, and the refinement of implementation strategies under both project outcomes.

In parallel, gender-sensitive perception surveys—also expected to commence in early June—will be conducted by national implementing partners in both countries. These surveys will capture diverse community perspectives, with particular attention to how gender, age, and other identity factors shape experiences with border and forest management authorities, perceptions of cross-border cooperation, and views on peacebuilding and natural resource. By integrating a gender lens, the surveys will uncover differentiated trust dynamics, barriers to participation, and opportunities for more inclusive engagement. The findings will complement baseline data and inform more responsive, equitable, and locally grounded interventions.

In Sierra Leone, WFP has already selected 1,000 beneficiaries (40% women), formed 20 Farmers' Organizations, trained youth contractors, and initiated year-round agricultural development across 100 hectares. Cash-based incentives and tools have been distributed to support livelihoods, economic empowerment, and social cohesion. Taken together, these developments demonstrate the project's strong start, inclusive orientation, and alignment with national priorities in both countries. The foundation is set for a scaled-up implementation phase after the rainy season.

In Liberia, WFP completed an internal baseline survey across 40 communities in Gbarpolu and Grand Cape Mount Counties. This assessment provided critical insights into community needs, socio-economic conditions, and vulnerability profiles, which informed a refined targeting strategy. Based on established criteria—including proximity to the Gola Forest and cross-border zones, gender and youth inclusion, and disability considerations—20 communities (10 per county) were selected, targeting 1,000 beneficiaries (500 in each county). The process is now advancing to verification and registration through WFP's SCOPE platform to ensure accurate and accountable digital beneficiary management. Concurrently, community engagement sessions are planned to build awareness, foster

beneficiary management. Concurrently, community engagement sessions are planned to build awareness, foster local ownership, and prepare for smooth implementation.

Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured by the project to date *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters

The project mainstreams gender equality and youth inclusion through both design and implementation.
From initiation, the project has purposefully integrated gender and youth importance across its core components, building resilience and enhancing livelihood through climate smart agriculture, border and natural resource management and Village saving loans to ensure equitable access to resources and opportunities. To date one key activity has been implemented that reflects this commitment; Targeting Allocations and Inclusive Selection: The project has established a minimum threshold of 40% women's participation within all beneficiary groups, community processes have clearly encouraged the nomination of both youth and women during the selection of project participants thereby promoting inclusive representation across gender and youth.
In addition, a Gender Sensitivity Action Plan has been drafted to guide the integration of sex-disaggregated data collection, women's participation quotas in trainings and forums, and mitigation measures for gender-based barriers such as childcare needs and women-only focus groups. Women and youth were intentionally included in the community inception meetings and are central to local stakeholder structures and farmers' groups.

Is the project 1+ year in implementation? *

○ Yes

◉ No

FOR PROJECTS 1+ YEAR IN IMPLEMENTATION ONLY:

Is the project demonstrating outcome-level peacebuilding results? *

Outcome-level peacebuilding results entail results achieved at the societal or structural level, including changed attitudes, behaviours or institutions.

○ Yes

○ No

If yes, please provide concrete examples of such peacebuilding results *

Please limit your response to 6000 characters

If yes, please provide sources or references (including links) as evidence of peacebuilding results, or submit them as additional attachments.

Evidence may be quantitative or qualitative but needs to demonstrate progress against outcome indicators in the project results framework. Sources may include project surveys (such as perception surveys), monitoring reports, government documents, or other knowledge products that have been developed by the project.

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PART II: PROJECT RESULTS FRAMEWORK

How many OUTCOMES does this project have *

      1   2   3   4   5   more than 5.

Please write out the project outcomes as they are in the project results framework found in the project document

Outcome 1: *

Strengthened cross-border collaboration between communities, rangers, and border authorities leads to improved cross-border and Gola landscape management

Outcome 2: *

Communities' resilience is strengthened through inclusive forest management and youth driven climate-smart agriculture livelihood support

Outcome 3: *

Outcome 4: *

Outcome 5: *

Outcome 6: *

Outcome 7: *

Outcome 8: *

Additional Outcomes *

If the project has more than 8 outcomes, please enumerate the remaining outcomes here

INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

Using the Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendments, provide an update on the achievement of all **outcome** and **output** indicators in the table below.

- Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation.
- Provide gender and age disaggregated data. (500 characters max per entry)

» Outcome 1: Strengthened cross-border collaboration between communities, rangers, and border authorities leads to improved cross-border and Gola landscape management

OC 1	Outcome Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress since project's start	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
1.1	Prevalence of illegal activities and encroachments reported along the Sierra Leone-Liberia border and within the cross-border regions of the Gola landscape as a result of improved collaboration between communities, rangers, and border authorities within the project duration	Yet to be determined pending baseline study	Yet to be determined pending baseline study	0	0	
1.2	# of management objectives of the MOU between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Government of the Republic of Liberia on the management of the Great Gola Transboundary Peace Park implemented	0	Yet to be determined pending baseline study	0	0	

1.3	**% of local community representatives, rangers and border authorities reporting increased trust and collaboration between local communities, rangers and border authorities (disaggregated by gender and youth)**	**0**	**Yet to be determined pending baseline study**	**0**	**0**	
1.4	**% of key provisions of the Sierra Leone-Liberia MOU on the cooperation in the management of the Greater Gola Transboundary Peace Park implemented effectively within the project duration.**	**Yet to be determined pending baseline study**	**Yet to be determined pending baseline study**	**0**	**0**	
1.5						

How many outputs does outcome 1 have?

1   2   [3]   4   5   more than 5.

Please list all outputs for outcome 1

Output 1.1

Collaboration and trust for cross border management and Gola landscape conservation is enhanced through exchanges, coordination and joint initiatives between communities, rangers, and border authorities, alongside concerted efforts at the national level.

Output 1.2

Communities, local leaders, and border authorities are empowered for peaceful conflict resolution on land access and natural resource management.

Output 1.3

Community participation and cross-border cooperation are fostered for sustainable resource management and increased social cohesion

Output 1.4

Output 1.5

Other Outputs

If Outcome 1 has more than 5 outputs, please enumerate the remaining outputs here

For each output, and using the, project results framework, provide an update on the progress made against all output indicators

» Output 1.1: Collaboration and trust for cross border management and Gola landscape conservation is enhanced through exchanges, coordination and joint initiatives between communities, rangers, and border authorities, alongside concerted efforts at the national level.

1.1	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
1.1.1	**# of formal agreements signed between national and local authorities in Liberia and Sierra Leone explicitly supporting the application of the section of the ECOWAS Protocol on the Free Movement of Persons, focusing on the Free Movement of Personnel assigned to work in the forest.**	**Yet to be determined pending baseline study**	**Yet to be determined pending baseline study**	**0**	**0**	

1.1.2	# of transparency and accountability mechanisms implemented by border and forest management authorities, as identified through the gender-sensitive assessment	0	2	0	0	
1.1.3	# of Action plans developed to improve transparency, accountability, and community participation in border and forest management.	0	2	0	0	
1.1.4	% of rangers and border officials that express that material support eased their mobility, communication and information sharing challenge	N/A	75%	0	0	
1.1.5	# of communities that started to implement community policing activities	0	Yet to be determined pending baseline study	0	0	

» Output 1.2: Communities, local leaders, and border authorities are empowered for peaceful conflict resolution on land access and natural resource management.

1.2	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
1.2.1	**# of trained individuals through the cascading training program by the end of the project (gender and age disaggregated)**	0	120	0	0	
1.2.2	**% of trained technical ministry staff who can provide concrete examples of how their new skills and knowledge were successfully applied in their work**	0	70%	0	0	
1.2.3	**# of dispute resolutions facilitated by the supported local peace mechanisms within the project duration**	**Yet to be determined pending baseline study**	**Yet to be determined pending baseline study**	0	0	

1. 2. 4	....	....	....	....	....	....
1. 2. 5	....	....	....	....	....	....

» Output 1.3: Community participation and cross-border cooperation are fostered for sustainable resource management and increased social cohesion

1.3	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
1.3.1	**# of best practices, lessons learned, and experiences related to sustainable resource management implemented by stakeholders following the forums.**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**	
1.3.2	**Indicator 1.3.2** **% of community members perceptions and attitudes towards sustainable resource management and cross-border collaboration following the sensitization and awareness campaigns conducted via radio and educational materials, (disaggregated by country, age, gender and stakeholder groups).**	**0**	**60%**	**0**	**0**	

1. 3. 3	# of cultural and sport initiatives organized for cross-border community engagement. Participation rates in these initiatives from both sides of the border	0	60%	0	0	
1. 3. 4	% of community representatives that feel that CBOs-led trust-building initiatives have contributed to increase social cohesion and sustaining peace along the border area (disaggregated by gender, age and country).	0	60%	0	0	
1. 3. 5						

» Output 1.4:

1.4	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant* ....
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1.4.5	....	....	....	....	....	....

» Output 1.5:

1.5	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Outcome 2: Communities' resilience is strengthened through inclusive forest management and youth driven climate-smart agriculture livelihood support

OC 2	Outcome Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress since project's start	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
2.1	% of disempowered young women and men with increased monetary or non-monetary benefits from climate-smart activities by the end of the project duration (disaggregated by age, gender and country)	N/A	70%	0	0	
2.2	% of local communities expressing perceived changes in the involvement of disempowered youth in illicit activities (disaggregated by gender, age and country)	N/A	70%	0	0	

2.3	% reduction in conflicts within and between communities due to inclusive and sustainable management of community forests (disaggregated by country/ cross-border, women and youth involvement)	Yet to be determined, pending baseline study	30%	0	0	
2.4						
2.5						

How many outputs does outcome 2 have?

1   2   3   4   5   more than 5.

Please list all outputs for outcome 2

Output 2.1

Disempowered youth are empowered, socio-economic resilience built, and natural resource management enhanced through climate-smart food production systems

Output 2.2

Communities are empowered to manage community forests more inclusively and sustainably

Output 2.3

Output 2.4

Output 2.5

Other Outputs

If Outcome 2 has more than 5 outputs, please enumerate the remaining outputs here

For each output, and using the, project results framework, provide an update on the progress made against all output indicators

» Output 2.1: Disempowered youth are empowered, socio-economic resilience built, and natural resource management enhanced through climate-smart food production systems

2.1	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
2.1.1	**# of disempowered youth (including 1/3 of women minimum) working on 40 IVSs within the project duration (disaggregated by age, gender and country)**	0	2500	0	0	
2.1.2	**% of disempowered youth expressing a perceived impact of FBOs on fostering a sense of collective responsibility and social integration among them (disaggregated by gender, age and country)**	0	80%	0	0	

2. 1. 3	**# of disempowered youth who can provide concrete examples of how their new skills and knowledge were successfully applied over the duration of the project (disaggregated by age, gender and country)**	**0**	**75%**	**0**	**0**	
2. 1. 4	**# of agricultural technical support and maintenance activities conducted by the 40 trained Community Youth Contractors within the targeted communities over the project duration (disaggregated by country, gender and age)**	**0**	**80**	**0**	**0**	
2. 1. 5	**% of disempowered youth expressing perceived financial security and investment opportunities improvement by the end of the project (disaggregated by country/ community, age and gender)**	**0**	**70%**	**0**	**0**	

» Output 2.2: Communities are empowered to manage community forests more inclusively and sustainably

2.2	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
2.2.1	**% increase in community members' awareness of the environmental rights, responsibilities, and sustainable practices within Gola forest-edge communities (disaggregated by country, age, gender)**	**Yet to be determined pending baseline study**	**Yet to be determined pending baseline study**	**0**	**0**	
2.2.2	**# of women and youth actively participating in community-based resource managements structures**	**Yet to be determined pending baseline study**	**Yet to be determined pending baseline study**	**0**	**0**	
2.2.3	**# of community-driven mapping and demarcation conducted**	**0**	**40**			

2. 2. 4	# of successful carbon activities implemented within the project duration (disaggregated by country)	0	40			
2. 2. 5	% of community representatives engaged in carbon trading, highlighting increased confidence, enhanced collaborative efforts and application of shared knowledge in inclusive forest management (disaggregated by country, age, gender)	0	70%	0	0	

» Output 2.3:

2.3	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 2.4:

2.4	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 2.5:

2.5	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Outcome 3:

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3. 3 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. 4 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. 5 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

How many outputs does outcome 3 have?

    1   2   3   4   5   more than 5.

Please list all outputs for outcome 3
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Output 3.1
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Output 3.4

Output 3.5

Other Outputs

If Outcome 3 has more than 5 outputs, please enumerate the remaining outputs here

For each output, and using the, project results framework, provide an update on the progress made against all output indicators

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» Output 3.1:

3.1	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant* ....
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» Output 3.2:

3.2	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 3.3:

3.3	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 3.4:

3.4	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 3.5:

3.5	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
3.5.1						
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» Outcome 4:

OC 4	Outcome Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of Project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress since project's start	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
4.1						
4.2						
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How many outputs does outcome 4 have?

     1   2   3   4   5   more than 5.

Please list all outputs for outcome 4

Output 4.1

Output 4.2

Output 4.3

Output 4.4

Output 4.5

Other Outputs

If Outcome 4 has more than 5 outputs, please enumerate the remaining outputs here

For each output, and using the, project results framework, provide an update on the progress made against all output indicators

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» Output 4.1:

4.1	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant* ....
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» Output 4.2:

4.2	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 4.3:

4.3	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 4.4:

4.4	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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» Output 4.5:

4.5	Output Indicators *Describe the indicator*	Indicator Baseline *State the baseline value of the indicator*	End of Project Indicator Target *State the target value of the indicator at the end of the project*	Indicator progress for reporting period *State the current value of the indicator for the reporting period*	Indicator progress since project's start *State the current cummulative value of the indicator since the start of the project*	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any) *Explain why the indicator is off track or has changed, where relevant*
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If the project has more than 4 outcomes, use this space to describe progress on progress on indicators for the remaining outcomes *

PART III: Cross-Cutting Issues

Is the project planning any significant events in the next six months? (eg. national dialogues, youth congresses, film screenings, etc.)

If yes, please state how many, and for each, provide the approximate date of the event and a brief description, including its key objectives, target audience and location (if known)

Events	Event Description	Tentative Date	Location	Target Audience	Event Objectives (900 characters)
Event 1	**Participation in the 2025 African Border Day (ABD) Celebrations coordinated by the CNFCI in the subregion**	**June 24-26**	**Cote d'Ivoire, Gbapleu (Kouan-Houlé, Danané - border with Liberia and Guinea)**	**Local and national border authorities, civil society, youth leaders, community representatives from border areas of Liberia, Sierra Leone, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Ghana, and Burkina Faso**	**The African Border Day (ABD), aims to strengthen cross-border cooperation, social cohesion, and integrated development in border areas. The 2025 edition provides a strategic platform to highlight and reinforce the objectives of the GOLA-REAP project. By supporting participation of Liberian and Sierra Leonean stakeholders, the event will promote dialogue, peer exchange, and visibility of ongoing peacebuilding and environmental initiatives within the Mano River Union region.**

| Event 2 | National-level workshops | Q3-Q4 | Freetown, Sierra Leone | | A national-level workshop will bring together technical staff from partner agencies. Co-developed with specialist UN partners (e.g., FAO), the workshop will cover national and international environmental frameworks, conservation policies and action plans, sustainable resource management—including transboundary forest management—and their links to peacebuilding and conflict prevention. Its aim is to build participants' technical knowledge and skills so they can effectively apply existing protocols, strengthen cross-border forest cooperation, and promote sustainable development and peace in the Gola Forest landscape. |

| Event 3 | Cross-border community forums | Q3-Q4 | Border communities (Makpele and Nomo Chiefdoms) | | Two cross-border community forums—one in Sierra Leone and one in Liberia—will be held using the conflict-resolution bodies established under Activity 1.2.3. These forums will foster trust, collaboration and accountability among communities, local leaders, immigration officials, rangers and eco-guards, with a strong emphasis on women's participation. The first forum in each country will provide a platform for communities to discuss natural resource management, land mapping, and address illicit activities such as trafficking, mining, poaching and smuggling. The second forum will bring together stakeholders from both sides to share best practices, lessons learned and experiences in sustainable resource management, strengthening cross-border learning and sustaining peace along the Liberia–Sierra Leone frontier. |

| Event 4 | Community and Youth Contractors Exchange Visits | Q3 | Border communities (Makpele and Nomo Chiefdoms) | 20 youths | Recognizing the need for specialized technical support, Community Youth Contractors will be identified by the community, trained and empowered as grassroots agricultural technicians, equipped with the necessary skills to provide water irrigation maintenance support and other technical assistance to their fellow farmers as part of Activity 2.1.4. These exchange visits aim to create collaborative networking on how youths can best serve as agents of change by working together. |

Human Impact

This section is about the human impact of the project. Please state key stakeholders (including but not limited to: Civil Society Organziations, Beneficiaries, etc.) of the project, and for each, please briefly describe:

i. The challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implemantation
ii. The impact of the project in their lives
iii. Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group
This is an optional question. You may leave it unanswered if not relevant

Human Impact	Type of stakeholder	What has been the impact of the project on their lives?	Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from the stakeholder
1	Community Chairperson	Fair inclusion of youths and women in familiar asset creation activities	"Our chiefs do not control our voices and actions in this project. Selection of participants is fair, and we appreciate the timely resources and inputs directly delivered to us. This is one of the best projects ever in our chiefdom" Mamie Jane, Faama Community, Nomo Chiefdom, Kenema district

2	Town Chief	Improved income through Incentivized labour – Cash based Transfer	This work has earned us SLL15,000 accrued from CBT individual collections, giving us the power to expand our farming activities and involve more youths through a hired labour process" Mustapha Bellay Darsalam, Makpele, Pujehun District
3		Youth Secretariat	Diamond mining can fail us and make us sad and migrate leaving our aged parents in communities. With this support, the game is changing and we can help our parents and deviate from negative coping actions" Mustapha Rogers , Gbongboma/Makpele Chiefdom, Pujehun District
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In addition to the stakeholder specific impact described above, please use this space to describe any additional human impact that the project has had.

Please limit your response to 4000 characters.

Border areas are often among the last to benefit from development initiatives and remain highly vulnerable to conflict, health crises, and other transnational challenges. This project is regarded as a potential game changer, creating pathways for the meaningful participation of marginalized youth by equipping them with income-generating opportunities, skills, and the foundations for long-term, sustainable livelihoods..

You can also upload upto 3 files in various formats (picture files, powerpoint, pdf, video, etc.) to illustrate the human impact of the project
OPTIONAL

File 1
OPTIONAL

Click here to upload file. (< 10MB)

File 2
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File 3
OPTIONAL

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You can also add upto 3 links to online resources which illustrate the human impact of the project
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Please tick the applicable change based on above narrative.

How we worked: *
Please select up to 3.

- ☐ Enhanced digitization
- ☐ Innovative ways of working
- ☐ Mobilized additional resources
- ☐ Improved or initiated policy frameworks
- ☐ Strengthened capacities
- ☑ Partnered with with local/grassroots Civil Society Organizations
- ☑ Expanding coalitions & galvanizing political will
- ☐ Strengthened partnerships with IFIs
- ☑ Strengthened partnerships with UN Agencies

Please explain one of the selected options
Please limit your response to 3000 characters.
GOLA-REAP has built on previous collaborations with CSOs and local partners such as Talking Drums, CSSL, and IDHA;

Please explain one of the selected options

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

Progress so far has deepened coordination with Government Counterparts and District Council representatives for both implementing agencies.

Please explain one of the selected options

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

Building on their strong collaboration under the current project, as well as the successful joint initiative previously implemented between Guinea and Sierra Leone, IOM and WFP are considering the development of a new joint initiative to address cross-border challenges along the Liberia–Côte d'Ivoire border. The two agencies remain closely aligned in their approaches and are committed to leveraging their complementary expertise to strengthen cross-border cooperation and peacebuilding in the region.

Who are we working with   *

- ☐ Strengthened partnerships with IFIs
- ☑ Strengthened partnerships between UN Agencies
- ☑ Partnered with local civil society organizations
- ☐ Partnered with local academia
- ☑ Partnered with sub-national entities
- ☑ Partnered with national entities
- ☐ Partnered with local volunteers

Please explain

Please limit your response to 3000 characters

This project is co-implemented by IOM and WFP
GOLA-REAP has built on previous collaborations with CSOs and local partners such as Talking Drums, CSSL, and IDHA;
At sub-national level, the project is working with Superintendents, traditional leaders, etc.
while at the national level, the project Partnered with Ministries of Internal Affairs, MAFS, MOA, Immigration, FDA, etc.

Leave No one Behind

Select all beneficiaries targeted with the PBF resources as evidenced by the narrative *

Mandatory

- ☑ Unemployed persons
- ☐ Minorities (e.g. race, ethnicity, linguistic, religion, etc.)
- ☑ Indigenous communities
- ☑ Persons with Disabilities
- ☑ Persons affected by violence (including GBV)
- ☑ Women
- ☑ Youth
- ☐ Children
- ☐ Minorities related to sexual orientation and/or gender identity and expression
- ☑ People living in and around border areas
- ☐ Persons affected by natural disasters
- ☐ Persons affected by armed conflicts
- ☐ Internally displaced persons, refugees or migrants

PART IV: Monitoring, Evaluation and Compliance

» Monitoring

Please list key monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

- - Finalizing project governance structures, including the endorsement of the Steering and Technical Committees (April 2025).
- - Validating the 2025 Joint Work Plan with implementing partners and key stakeholders (April 2025).
- - Development of a monitoring plan
- - Holding community inception meetings in Liberia from 11–16 May 2025 and 10 to 13 June in Sierra Leone to:
• Validate project objectives,
• Identify local peacebuilding and development priorities,
• Collect feedback from community members.
- - Conducting internal field visits by project teams (11–16 May 2025 and 10 to 13 June) to:
• Confirm activity sites,
• Check partner readiness for implementation.
- Laying the groundwork for context-specific baselines, perception surveys and inclusive targeting of project beneficiaries.

Joint WFP-MAFS activity progress monitoring
Farmers groups engagement
Community 2 stakeholders monitoring
Work output verification
Cash disbursement monitoring.

Do outcome indicators have baselines? *

If only some of the outcome indicators have baselines, select 'yes'

- ⦿ Yes
- ◯ No

If yes, please provide a brief description. If not, explain why not and when they will be available. *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

Baseline values are currently being established through a formal baseline and perception survey launched in May 2025. This assessment is being conducted in both Liberia and Sierra Leone and will inform all outcome indicators across peacebuilding, cross-border collaboration, social cohesion, and sustainable resource management dimensions. The baseline exercise is gender- and age-sensitive and includes both quantitative and qualitative tools to capture stakeholder perceptions, socio-economic conditions, and environmental indicators

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Elaborate on what sources of evidence have been used to report on indicators (and are available upon request) *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

As of this reporting period, routine monitoring is focused on establishing baseline values and verifying preparatory activities. Once implementation scales up in the next semester, additional sources such as post-training assessments, market linkage documentation, and gender action plan tracking sheets will supplement indicator reporting across the full results framework.

Has the project launched outcome level data collection initiatives? e.g. perception surveys *

Perception survey is a formal collection of information from a randomly selected sample of respondents through their responses to standardized questions. See PBF Guidance Note for more information link

⦿ Yes

◯ No

Please provide a brief description *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

The baseline survey, scheduled to start in June 2025, will focus on capturing pre-intervention data on socio-economic conditions, natural resource usage, and community dynamics across target areas in Liberia and Sierra Leone. This data will inform indicator baselines and help refine project targets. In parallel, a perception survey—distinct from the baseline—is planned for implementation in Q3 2025 and will be led by one of the national implementing partners. This perception survey will use standardized tools to assess community attitudes toward cross-border collaboration, social cohesion, and sustainable resource management. It will involve disaggregation by country, age, gender, and stakeholder group, and will serve as a key instrument for measuring outcome-level change and community trust over time. Together, these initiatives will support evidence-based implementation and strengthen the monitoring of peacebuilding impact across the Gola landscape.

Has the project used or established community feedback mechanisms? *

Community feedback mechanism, or community-based monitoring, is an organized system for communities of participants to monitor the local effects and impact of an intervention. Ideally, this system empowers the community to express whether their expectations are being met and to provide suggestions to decision-makers for possible (re)focusing. See PBF Guidance Note for more information. link

⦿ Yes

◯ No

Please provide a brief description *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

While informal feedback was collected during the community inception meetings held in Liberia in May 2025 (and expected in early June in Sierra Leon), the project is now moving toward establishing a more structured community feedback mechanism. During the first Joint Project Steering Committee (JPSC) meeting in April 2025, it was formally recommended that the project establish a community-level committee in each target location to mirror and complement the functions of the Steering Committee and the Technical Committee. These community-level committees will serve as localized platforms for dialogue, feedback, and monitoring. They will be composed of community leaders, women and youth representatives, and local CSOs. Their role will be to provide regular input on project activities, flag emerging risks or grievances, including those related to Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and channel suggestions for adaptive implementation. These mechanisms are expected to strengthen accountability, promote community ownership, and ensure that project implementation remains responsive to the evolving needs and expectations of target populations. The formation of these committees is planned for Q3 2025, with orientation and capacity-building support from IOM, WFP, and implementing partners. Once operational, they will become a key tool for real-time feedback, conflict sensitivity monitoring, and sustainability planning.

» Evaluation

Is the project on track to conduct its evaluation? *

○ Yes

○ No

◉ Not Applicable

Evaluation budget (in USD) included in the project budget: *

Response required

60000

If project will end in next six months, is your upcoming evaluation on track?

○ Yes

○ No

◉ Not Applicable

Please describe the preparations

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

Contact information	Name	Organization	Job title	Email
Please mention the focal person responsible for sharing the final evaluation report with the PBF:	**Serge Desire Lenaud**	**IOM**	**Programme Support Officer**	**slenaud@iom.int**

» Catalytic Effect

Catalytic Effect (financial): Has the project mobilized additional non-PBF financial resources since the project's start? *

( ) Yes

(●) No

How many funders has the project received additional non-PBF funding from **since the project started**? *

Catalytic Effect (non-financial): Has the project enabled or created a larger or longer-term peacebuilding change to occur, in addition to the direct project changes? Please refer to PBF Catalytic Effect Guidelines for more information. *

( ) Yes

(●) No

If yes, please select the relevant option below: *

( ) Some catalytic effect

( ) Significant catalytic effect

If relevant, please describe how the project has had a (non-financial) catalytic effect, i.e. removed barriers to unblock stalled political, institutional or other peacebuilding processes at different levels in a country, and/or created the conditions to establish new processes to do so *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

Sustainability

Please describe any steps that have been taken to ensure the sustainability of peacebuilding gains, including any mechanisms, platforms, networks and socio-economic initiatives supported, beyond the duration of the project *

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

Inaugural Joint Project Steering Committee (JPSC) Meeting

A major achievement was the inaugural Joint Project Steering Committee (JPSC) meeting, convened in April 2025. The meeting brought together key stakeholders from both Liberia and Sierra Leone, including government officials, traditional leaders, civil society actors, and representatives from relevant ministries. This joint platform has already started serving as a cross-border coordination and oversight mechanism, fostering shared ownership, policy alignment, and inter-agency collaboration. The JPSC's terms of reference were validated during the meeting, setting the foundation for continued collaboration across the two countries.

At the local level, the project successfully facilitated community inception meetings across all target areas in Liberia(expected to happen in June in Sierra Leone). These gatherings were not only used to introduce the project but also to gather community input and build early buy-in. Importantly, they led to the identification and engagement of local leaders, women and youth representatives, and civil society groups who are now actively involved in shaping and monitoring project activities.

Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations?

Please limit your response to 3000 characters.

No

Monitoring and Oversight Activities

Please describe any key event related to monitoring and oversight. Please click next if no activities have yet taken place.

Events include Steering Committee meetings, Monitoring visits, Third party monitoring, Community based monitoring, any data collection, Perception or other survey findings, evaluation reports, audit or investigations.

Monitoring and oversight activities	Name of the Event	Summary	Key Findings
Event 1	**Inaugural Joint Project Steering Committee (JPSC) Meeting**	**The inaugural meeting was held on April 3, 2025, in Bo, Sierra Leone. It was co-chaired by the Ministers of Internal Affairs and UN Resident Coordinators from both Liberia and Sierra Leone, and included strong representation from government ministries, UN agencies, the Mano River Union, and civil society in both countries.**	**The meeting validated the JPSC and Technical Committee Terms of Reference, endorsed the 2025 Joint Work Plan, and agreed on immediate next steps for implementation. The next JPSC meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2025, in Monrovia, Liberia.**

Event 2	Human Rights Due Diligence Assessments (HRDDP)	IOM HQ's HRDD Officer joined teams in Monrovia, Freetown, and field sites across both countries to conduct a comprehensive Human Rights Due Diligence assessment. Building on the UN's standardized approach to human rights due diligence in new projects, the mission aimed to ensure GOLA-REAP adheres to international human rights principles and complies with commitments under the UN PBF commitments.	Consultations with national human rights commissions, OHCHR, conservation societies, legal organizations, and community advocates uncovered potential harms linked to ranger equipment, border patrols, and community policing. The assessment is finalizing a risk matrix and proposed mitigation measures to be incorporated into a Human-Rights-Sensitive Implementation Guide. Periodic rights audits and community oversight committees will ensure ongoing "do no harm" compliance.
Event 3			
Event 4			
Event 5			
Event 6			
Event 7			
Event 8			

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